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FOLLOWING MESSAGE SENT JAKARTA IMMEDIATE ON APR 28TH
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1. I BELIEVE THE SUCCESS OF THE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO
INDONESIA COULD BE ENHANCED IF THE GOI WERE TO REVIEW IT
AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE SOME THE INTERNATIONAL PER-
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CEPTIONS OF ITS POLICIES ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND EAST TIMOR.
I AM SURE THE GOI RECOGNIZES THAT ITS IMAGE HAS BEEN SOME-
WHAT AFFECTED IN CONGRESS AND ELSEWHERE BY THE GOI ACTIONS
TAKEN DURING THE PRE-MPR PERIOD. THESE ATTITUDES, IN TURN,
CREATE CERTAIN INHIBITIONS TO OUR BEING ABLE TO TAKE ACTIONS
AS RESPONSIVE AS WE MIGHT PREFER ON MATTERS RELATED TO OUR
COMMON INTERSTS.

2. LAST YEAR I REVIEWED WITH BENNY MRUDANI AND WITH REPRESENTATIVE CARLIN OF CRS POSSIBILITY OF CRS CONDUCTING RELIEF OPERATIONS IN EAST TIMOR USING THEIR TRAINED INDONESIAN STAFF WITH POSSIBLY OCCASIONAL VISITS BY AMERICAN REPS. AT THAT TIME BENNY THOUGHT THAT THIS FORMULA MIGHT ULTIMATELY BE ACCEPTABLE. YOU MIGHT FIND IT HELPFUL TO REVIEW THESE CONVERSATIONS AND PERHAPS SPEAK WITH BOTH BENNY AND CARLIN BEFORE VICE PRESIDENT ARRIVES.

3. I ALSO DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF EXTENDING ICRC ACTIVITIES TO EAST TIMOR. THIS DID NOT RECEIVE FAVORABLE REACTION AT THAT TIME BUT MIGHT BE RAISED AGAIN.

4. VICE PRESIDENT WILL HAVE IN MIND POSSIBILITY OF ACCELERATING RELEASE OF DETAINEES AND US VOLUNTARY AGENCY PRESENCE IN TIMOR, AND THEIR EXTENSION OF ICRC VISITS AS POSSIBILITIES FOR ACTIONS INDONESIA MIGHT TAKE TO DEMONSTRATE FORWARD PROGRESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES.

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